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Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly at the request of Norway.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 31st meetings, on 15 October and 1 November 2018. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 6 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/73/145).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.5

5. At the 14th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Norway, also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/73/L.5) and announced that Belgium, Canada, France, the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain and

[1] A/C.6/73/SR.14 and A/C.6/73/SR.31.

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the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Seychelles also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.